

## INTO THE WORD AT BIBLE CAMP



SCENE AT NELSON LAKE BIBLE CAMP

Our Bible camps were established to meet a spiritual need in our midst. Bible Camp was not established primarily to provide for the physical and recreational needs of youth. But the successful Bible Camp will have a balanced program meeting these needs too.

The four things which we expect Bible Camp to do for our youth have been summarized as follows:

1. To hear God's call.
2. To make saved by grace a real living experience.
3. To live God's will in a secular society.
4. To be kept in the faith.

These objectives can be accomplished only through the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God. Teachers and counsellors are to be instruments that hold forth the word of life — instruments that know the fear of the Lord and therefore persuade men to accept Christ. "Ye shall be my witness and ye shall have the power of the Holy Spirit" — must be true of an effective camp faculty.

There are many camp leaders who have come to feel that our camp program, as fine as it has been and as much as it has accomplished, can still be improved very much in the following respects:

1. Three or four heavy lectures on varied topics one after the other, are more than our young people can absorb.
2. We are not training our youth to use their Bibles by themselves.
3. We have not given enough time to informal study, discussion, prayer, testimony and relaxed fellowship. About the everyday problems that young people face in daily Christian living, problems of sin, forgiveness, assurance, witnessing, prayer, courtship, vocation, marriage, etc. We have had too much preaching and not enough sharing and mutual exhortation.

Consequently, the morning program has been changed in many camps to cover less ground, but to do a more thorough job of what we do cover in the Word. The emphasis is still the same — into the Word at Bible Camp. For the first hour, there is a Bible hour 9.00 to 10.00 a.m., taught by a capable teacher of the Word. Following this period quiet time sheets are handed out to the young people. (These have been prepared by the counselling staff the day before). After the short recess, each young person takes his Bible, quiet time sheet and pencil and goes out

## History of Salem Lutheran Congregation

Kingman, Alberta

It is with a deep respect for our early pioneers of this congregation and thankfulness for the spiritual foundation laid down, that we write this history.

It was in 1910, forty years ago, that the pioneers of this district organized the Salem Lutheran Congregation of the Hauge Synod. The following and their families were charter members: Chris Galaas, O. Bjorgum, T. J. Rogness, J. Evenson, S. M. Heie, and A. Horte.

The pastor at this time was T. T. Carlson, W. W. Osness was the first president. First secretary was C. Galaas, and the first treasurer was S. Heie. First deacons, W. W. Osness, J. Evenson, and T. J. Rogness. First Sunday School superintendent, T. J. Rogness, and the first caretaker, C. Galaas. The first choir was under the direction of A. Horte. In the following years the following pioneer members were: A. Johnson, W. Christenson, A. Anderson, M. Bjorgum, T. Horte and T. Lowry.

Pastor S. L. Jochen was pastor from 1911 to 1915. The first parochial school was in 1912. In 1915 Pastor A. H. Solheim who was at that time professor at Camrose Lutheran Col-

lege served. It was during his ministry that Mabel Simonson, a small girl took her place as organist — a position she has held until this anniversary.

Records are lacking for the period 1916-1927. At this time the Ladies' Aid took over and paid the obligations of the congregation. The altar picture was painted by Pastor Blomlie during this time. In 1918 during the 'flu epidemic, the church was used as a hospital. The congregation was reorganized in 1927. For many years the Swedish church building was used. Since there were so few people, the Swedish Pastor Erickson, suggested the organization of a Norwegian-Swedish Young People's Society. This was about 1930. A choir was also started with Albin Anderson as director. Pastor Bjelde came to serve in 1930. When Pastor Hovsten came in 1937 all the services were to be in the English language.

Up to 1939 when Pastor A. M. Vinge came, the Ladies' Aid had largely supported the pastors, but from this time and on the congregation has assumed this. From this date and on the congregation has fully met its budget allocation. In 1941 the church building was purchased. The building was very cold.

During the ministry of Pastor G. J.



INTERIOR OF SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ostrem, from 1944-48 the church was completely renovated, and a fine basement with furnace put under the church building. Sunday School could now also be held during the winter months. New pews were secured also by the Ladies' Aid. With money that the Sunday School received in memory of Arne Skoglund, the Sunday School helped purchase a baptismal font. Pastor Johnson came to serve as pastor for the Ryley parish in 1948. The same year the Sunday School bought an organ. The congregation purchased the pews that belonged to

## SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH Kingman, Alta.



the Swedish congregation, also the altar, rail and pulpit. In 1949 the interior of the church was renovated. A new rug was given by Mr. and Mrs. William Christenson.

During its history the congregation has supported Home and Foreign Missions, Bethany Sunset Home, Camrose Lutheran College, Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Education Appeal, Lutheran World Action, Finmark Missions, Luther Seminary, Bible Camp, Russian Relief, and at the present time the Sunday School is beginning to sponsor the education of a native worker in French Cameroun, Africa. The Luther League has supported the Youth for Christ Project.

Electric lights have been installed in the church, and used first at Christmas time, 1948.

Many of the pioneers are now gone but the light is carried forward by other hands. Rev. Lloyd Osness, a son of the congregation, now serves as chaplain in a Deaconess Hospital.

At the death of one of the pioneers, Ole Bjorgum, who died in 1949, a Cemetery Improvement Fund was started. It is a delight to see the cemetery now. It is an item of interest, too, to note that Ole Bjorgum was on the first "Cemetery Committee" in 1910.

There is much that could be said in a history. The most important part of the history, however, is that which is recorded in the annals of heaven. The Word with its Law and Gospel has been preached, and the souls who have heeded have found their refuge beneath the cross of Jesus. It is for the present generation to remember: "Brightly beams the Father's mercy From His Lighthouse evermore, But to us He gives the keeping Of the lights along the shore." To Him be the Glory!

—Condensed from a report by  
Mrs. Wilfrid Simonson,  
Mrs. Wyman Christenson,  
Mrs. John Holte.

Our Lord suffers more at the hands of His lukewarm friends than from mobs that burn churches.—Sander.



LAKE SINGING AT BIBLE CAMP



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### ENCOURAGING REPORTS

There has appeared in the recent issues of The Shepherd news that bring joys in the presence of the angels. We refer to the report of spiritual stirring in our midst. Seldom have we witnessed such quiet, soul-searching days that infiltrated the homes, the schools, and other institutions. It caused an examination of the foundations of assurance. We should thank God for such news items.

However, in the joy experienced of souls delivered and Christians strengthened one should be mindful of the fact that there has been patient and prayerful seeding of the Word of God by faithful pastors and laymen that made these blessings possible. One should know that the regular church work is also a spiritual stirring, although the fruits are not always as manifest. Dr. Hallesby says that it takes patience to "bore holy explosives" into callous and careless souls.

There is much wisdom, kindness and true evaluation in the words of Jesus:

"For here the saying holds true, one sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."—John 4:37-38.

### THE REPORT OF THE UNION COMMITTEE

Among the most important matters to be considered at the General Convention in Minneapolis is this report. In response to the editor's request that I write something about this matter, I desire to make two or three observations.

In the first place, the proposal that the Church "empower or elect nine members of a joint Union Committee, with eventual organic union in view," would not mean, if adopted, that our Church was thereby irrevocably committed to organic union with the other two bodies. It means that such a committee would be authorized to proceed with negotiations. But before binding decisions could be made, and all decisions would have to be made by the Church itself in convention assembled, agreement would have to be attained in regard to doctrinal basis of union, organizational setup, constitution, and articles of union dealing with institutions, departmental activities, etc. Only after agreements have been attained step by step on all questions that are considered essential to final decision in regard to amalgamation, can there be any decisive action in this matter, at least in a positive way. And that will of course take several years.

In the second place, the present issue concerns primarily the churches in the United States. At least as far as our church is concerned, it is quite generally assumed that our church in Canada does not need to follow the same pattern in these matters as is followed in the States. Amalgamation down there would not need to mean amalgamation here. Particularly because it expects to become autonomous before very long, our Church in Canada will have to study its own

inter-Lutheran relationships up here and make its own decisions. But, of course, we are still a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and are interested in this problem as it affects the whole church. But in the present situation it may be wise and considerate of us to recognize that the decisions at the forthcoming convention will concern primarily our Church in the States.

In the third place, the principle question at issue just now, as it seems to me, is this: Do we honestly believe that these three church bodies are so much of one mind doctrinally, and of one spirit in evangelical purpose and working methods, as well as in conception of Christian life, that we could work harmoniously together if we did unite, and so are willing to begin negotiations looking toward organic union?

But it may be that we cannot answer this question until we have carried on quite extensive negotiations, and have become much better acquainted with each other. This may be all the more the case because this union proposal has in view the crossing of national lines and what have at least in the past been language barriers. Have historical developments now gone far enough for such a union proposal to be answered in the affirmative? It is conceivable that this question may receive one answer in the United States, and another in Canada.

It should also be noted that according to the resolutions submitted, the mandate to be given the union committee for the next two years is very limited. It is mainly to study and collate the doctrinal documents of the respective churches to see if they provide a satisfactory doctrinal basis for eventual organic union. The resolutions also provide that "the Union Committee be directed to study questions related to the Church life, worship and practices of each of the three Churches." A preliminary report is to be submitted to the 1952 conventions.

In any case, it is well to bear in mind that the present proposal calls for, not a final decision in regard to union, but only an exploratory approach. —J. R. Lavik.

### Obituaries

#### Mrs. M. Wettre

Anna Matilda Wettre was born in Asker, Norway, April 29, 1860. Her childhood and girlhood years were spent there. In the early summer of 1885 she left Norway for the United States; spending a part of the first year with an uncle and aunt at Waupun, Wisconsin. Moving to South Dakota, she was there united in marriage to the late Tormod R. Wettre, October 11, 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Wettre lived near Oakes, North Dakota, farming there until the autumn of 1898; when they moved to the Asker district, near Ponoka, in Alberta. Here she has resided until the last few years, when she moved to Ponoka with Mr. and Mrs. John Krefting.

Her husband predeceased her in 1903. She leaves to mourn her passing, a son, three daughters, five grandchildren, and there great grandchildren. She passed to her rest Wednesday morning, May 17.

Funeral services were held in the Asker Church, May 20th, Pastor E. O. Walker officiating. Mrs. Art Erickson and Mr. Paulson Proctor sang several duets at the service; and there were many In Memoriam and floral tributes given in her honor that day.

May our Lord bless her memory.

—E. O. Walker.

#### John Thorson

John Thorson was born August 2, 1876 at Sauland, Telemarken, Norway, by parents, Thor and Aslaug Deilkaas. He was baptized and confirmed in Heddal Church. At the age of 20, he emigrated to the United

States. In 1905 he moved to Canada where he took up a homestead in the North Prairie district, north of Preeceville, Sask.

On December 6, 1920 he was united in marriage to Mattie Sandager, Rev. Christian Sandager officiating. In this union five children were born.

Mr. Thorson had been a hard worker who never spared himself. He built a fine home for his family. The last few years his health had been failing, and the boys worked the farm. On February 21st, he became weaker and was taken to Preeceville hospital, where he passed away quietly March 21st, shortly before 10.00 a.m., at the age of 73.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his dear wife and three sons: Tyler, Marlo and Edgar, all at home and two daughters, Amy at home, and Ester training for a nurse at St. Boniface Hospital, Manitoba; one brother, and two sisters in Norway.

Mr. John Thorson was a member of the North Prairie congregation. He was laid to rest March 23, 1950. Rev. M. A. Steiestol officiating. Memorial gifts amounted to \$134.50.

He was loved and respected by all. A man in whom there was no guile. He is home now with his Lord.

May God comfort his family.

—M. A. S.

### District News

Beautiful pews have been given to the Granum Church, Pastor Henry Haugen's parish. This fine gift came from the Ladies' Aid.

The church in Claresholm in the same parish is worshipful and beautiful. The chancel has a beautiful carpet which also now extends as a runner out to the door.

#### GIFT TO PASTOR

At a recent gathering in the Viking Parish, a gift of \$1,000.00 was given to Pastor and Mrs. I. J. Saugen who serve in this charge. This gift was to aid them in paying for a new car.

#### NEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR, Ont.

Pentecost Sunday was a festive day in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Port Arthur, Ont. A new altar was dedicated at the morning service, and an offering was lifted to pay for new carpeting in the chancel and main aisle. There was special music by both the senior and junior choirs. In the afternoon the Luther League held its regular fireside meeting, and in the evening a religious film was shown, entitled, "My Name is Han."

The altar was built by a local cabinet maker, who donated his labor. And the material was paid for by a sum of money which had been turned over to the congregation by the Fort William Ladies' Aid when it disbanded a few years ago.

The Luther League has held a number of fireside meetings during the winter in the homes of its members. For the summer months it is planning a number of outdoor meetings.

On Luther League Sunday, the League presented a very challenging program on the theme "Behold Christ Crucified," carrying out the suggestions offered by the International League office. One of the Leaguers prepared a large duplicate of Luther's coat of arms, and a cross with the theme engraved in gilt letters, which added very much to the effectiveness of the presentation.

A Lutheran communion service in the Latvian language was held in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at Port Arthur on the afternoon of Sunday, May 14th. The service was conducted by Pastor Gaudins from Montreal, a Latvian pastor who ministers to his people in four provinces. The service was attended by approximately a hundred persons from Port Arthur, Fort William and Pine Portage.

After the service, they gathered in the church parlors for lunch and fellowship, and Pastor and Mrs. Dahle, as well as a few of the members of

Our Saviour's Lutheran congregation were present as guests. Pastor Gaudins encouraged the Latvian people to attend the regular services in our church and also to send their children to the Sunday School. And there are a few of them who are doing so.

#### L.S.A. WITNESSES IN EUROPE

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works," Heb. 10:24.

Just a short time ago I was overjoyed to hear that one of our Maple Leaf Region L.S.A.'ers had been chosen, together with about twenty other L.S.A.'ers from the United States, to work on Christian projects in devastated Europe for the summer. This person is Miss Dorothy Vinge of Camrose, Alberta, daughter of Pastor A. M. Vinge who is well known to us all.

I was overjoyed at the reception of this news because for the first time a delegate from our region will be participating in one of these Summer Work Projects. In Dorothy our whole Region, and I might say all of western Canada, will be represented as a living witness of the love which we feel towards our suffering brethren in Europe. Through her we will be rendering a little of that Christian service which I'm certain all of us would like to do ourselves. I can think of no other person in our region who can be counted on to give a clear witness of our faith as we ourselves would like to witness to that faith which God has given us than Dorothy, though I am certain that there are many more of Dorothy's calibre in our Region whom I have not as yet had the pleasure of meeting.

Perhaps some of you are at a loss to know what a European Summer Work Project is. At the close of the last war the Lutheran Students' Council of America decided that one small way in which the Lutheran Students' Association of America could help to rebuild devastated Europe, both materially and spiritually, would be to send over a small group of students for a month or two during their summer vacation to work on Christian projects, such as the rebuilding of bombed churches. This has been done for several years now. What have been the results? Here is a quotation from a letter received from one of the people contacted in Europe during the 1948 project. Read it and decide for yourself.

"We have learned this summer that the cross is standing above us and that in the cross we can rise above the problems which beset us. I think that American students cannot imagine what it means to us in our situation that they come from a victorious country into our ruins to help us build them up again — and perhaps not only the material ruins, but also the spiritual ruins."

Dorothy is leaving early in July. This trip will cost about \$600.00 of which she received \$300.00 in a scholarship. She still needs another \$300.00. This is where we can show her that we are with her now and will be with her all summer. If, because of your love for Christ, you want to help in this worthwhile project send donations of any amount to the L.S.A. financial secretary, Ray Feil, Luther College, Regina. A receipt may be received for income tax deductions. If you can't help materially, pray for Dorothy, pray for her safety, pray that she may always be strengthened from above. Do you want to help to rebuild devastated Europe? This is your opportunity. —Irvin Hohn.

#### W.M.F. COOK BOOK

Are you looking for a birthday or "shower" gift? Why not give a W.M.F. Cook Book? There are still some to be had, and we urge you all to order your supply NOW. Price is one dollar. Send your order to Miss Clara Haugen, 212 Wiggins Avenue, Saskatoon, Sask.



## YOUTH NIGHT SERVICE

Moose Jaw L.L.

"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Truly, this verse written in John 1:29, is a theme verse well chosen for 1950. We as young and old alike are to "Behold Christ Crucified" — the challenging Luther League theme for this year, taken from the above verse. Christ and His cross are central in the Christian faith. How vital then, that we as young people "Behold Him" as our Saviour and so be willing to witness for Him both by our lips and by our lives in spreading the good news of salvation. May we not forget that the young people of today will be the leaders of tomorrow!

Thus, we were happy as young people of Central Lutheran Luther League of Moose Jaw, to put on the "Youth Night Service" planned for Youth Sunday and International Luther League Day. This program truly pointed out that youths' greatest need is Christ, the greatest opportunity comes in serving Him, and how this work is carried out in our Luther League. It would be interesting to know how many Leagues were gathered at the same time, presenting the same program.

The program was divided into three parts; the first dealing with the theme, "Behold Christ Crucified" for the purpose of our Luther League. A spot light was directed upon a large cross bearing these words and upon the Luther League emblem, while a reader read concerning the cross as central in our lives. The second part dealt with "Behold Christ Crucified" for the program of Luther League in holding and winning young people for Christ. Five Leaguers portrayed different scenes as gather in prayer, conducting Bible study, visiting the aged and enjoying wholesome fun and fellowship about a campfire. "Behold Christ Crucified" for consecrated Leagues was the concluding theme. It pointed out that we are to willingly answer God's command by these words, "Here am I, send me, send me, and pray that He will send us forth."

May our prayer be as the closing prayer of the service, "O Christ, make us Luther Leaguers to have our eyes on no one but Jesus only."

Officers of our League are: President, Sylvia Pederson; vice-president, Gladys Gig; secretary-treasurer, Arne Nilson.

—Sylvia Pederson.

## "YOUTH IN ACTION" PROGRAM

The Ibbestad Luther League held their "Youth in Action" Program at the Otteson home on May 7th. We had a very fine attendance present for the program. We opened by singing, "My Faith Looks up to Thee." A "Welcome Message" was given by Harold Otteson, president. Mrs. Varhaug led in devotion. A solo, entitled "The Old Rugged Cross" was sung by Pastor Jacobson. At intervals in the topic which Pastor Jacobson presented, verses of the following hymns were sung:

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

"Beautiful Saviour."

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

"How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?"

The closing hymn was, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

—H. M. Orsten,

Corresponding Secretary.

## INTERNATIONAL LUTHER LEAGUE DAY

In the Estevan Parish the International Luther League Day was observed in the two Luther Leagues at Estevan and Midale. Both Leagues presented the suggested Youth Night Service which was received from our head office. Good crowds attended each program. The Leaguers had gone to much work in planning and practicing the programs. They made crosses with the words: "Behold Christ Crucified" and also they each

made a beautiful Luther League Emblem.

Offerings received made each Luther League eligible for the 1950 Honor Roll.

—Pastor Gordon Hope.

THE FESTIVAL SERVICE  
MAY 23, 1950

This was a blessed day for our congregation when there was an all-day celebration at the church. Evangelist Nel Peterson from Minneapils preached at the morning service. Pastor Johnson spoke in the afternoon and in the evening a group of students under the leadership of Dean A. M. Vinge, a former pastor, took the service.

Among those present were Mrs. W. W. Osness, a charter member, Mrs. M. Horte, Mr. Albin Anderson, Mrs. Petra Simonson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Christenson, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bjorgum and several other old timers. Several interesting incidents were related.

The history of the congregation was read, and greetings from former pastors, and former members were read. An offering in the afternoon was lifted for Bethany Sunset Home and in the evening for the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute.

The challenge of Christ was brought forth throughout the day. By God's grace our church has gone forward materially, and souls have been won for Christ, and God's children have been strengthened. May God give a vision of our track so that we may reach out both at home and abroad.

—Condensed from a report by  
Mrs. Wyman Christenson.

## THE CHORAL UNION CALLS YOU

One of God's marvellous gifts to man is the ability to sing. How different this world would be without song! The pages of Scripture, as well as the experience of multitudes of believers, make clear what a mighty force Christian song is.

To us is given the privilege of blending our voices together in the praise of God at the time of the Luther League and Choral Union convention at Prince Albert. Let us expect a goodly number of singers taking part. Let us expect that those who come will be quite familiar with the songs. The rehearsals at the convention are intended to blend into one unit the voices of the singers. Not much time should be required for drill occupied with learning the music.

So again we urge all singers to secure the numbers and learn them. It would help a great deal if our president, Pastor T. Jacobson, Milo, Alberta, were informed soon of your intention to participate. The sheet music is available at the Bible Institute Book Store, Outlook.

The list of songs is again reprinted: "Golden Harps are Sounding," Paderewski, No. 180.

"Good Tidings to Zion," Christiansen, No. 96.

"Seek Ye the Lord," Roberts, No. 1050.

"Lullaby on Christmas Eve," Christiansen, No. 116.

"A Life in God," Christiansen, No. 69.

"The King of Love My Shepherd is," Shelley, No. 3125.

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure," Lindeman.

"Lost in the Night," Christiansen, No. 119.

"Praise to the Lord," Christiansen.

—G. O. Evenson,

Choral Union Director.

## A MISSIONARY CHURCH

A missionary church is a living church, a growing church, a conquering church. A missionary church has a vision of world need, a concern for lost souls, a sense of personal responsibility which cannot be evaded. A missionary church must have a missionary pastor and missionary offi-

## Grace Alone

Seventeenth in a series of articles on Grace Alone by Dr. J. R. Lavik, President Luther Seminary, Saskatoon.

## THE NATURE AND FUNCTIONS OF FAITH

Much confusion of thought often results from a misapprehension as to the nature and functions of faith. It is so natural for us to think of faith as being in some way or in some measure meritorious, even though we at the same time admit that salvation is by the grace of God alone. If faith is a condition for the reception of grace, a condition that is at least in some way fulfilled by us, it must also in subtle way be put to our credit. And if infants cannot believe, cannot demonstrate the creditable attitude of faith, they should not be baptized. Is there any way of showing the fallacy of these to many seemingly inevitable conclusions?

Let us make a few observations here, even though it involves some repetition of what has been said before. In its essence what is the nature of saving faith? Theologians have told us that there are three essential elements in such a faith: Knowledge, assent and confidence. This may be a sufficiently clear and true analysis of the theologian's faith, but one may well wonder if it does not for him too at times seem somewhat artificial and inapplicable. However, theologians should remember that not all people are theologians. If they do it may serve as a valuable corrective to their thinking in these things. There are also people of very limited knowledge, limited intellectual capacities, limited Christian experience, as well as little children, even newborn infants, to be considered. All are equally in need of salvation. And according to Scripture all who attain to salvation are saved "by grace through faith." This must then apply even to little infants.

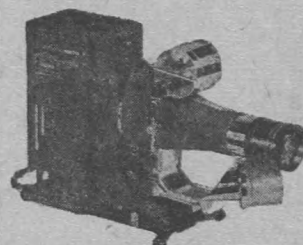
We ask again, therefore, in its essence what is the nature of saving faith? Specifically, can little infants believe? For our answer we shall turn to Jesus, who alone is competent to tell us what dwells in the human heart, and particularly in the heart of the infant. We note that in Matt. 18:6, and Mar. 9:42, He speaks of "These little ones that believe on me." The word used in the Greek text here (paidion), means commonly a little child, and at times a newborn infant. In a closely parallel passage, Lu. 18:15-17, we find another word (brephos) which can only mean a very small child, a newborn infant, and is used even of the prenatal child. And He goes on to say that unless grown people become as little children, they shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Apparently, according to the words of Jesus, little infants have capacity for that which He designates as faith in Him. It is equally apparent, if we take the words of Jesus as decisive, that the faith of the little infant is just as valuable in relation to salvation as is that of the most learned theologian, and may be even more so, unless the theologian has in his faith become as a little child.

What, then is the essential element in faith, that personal factor through which the gifts of grace can come to the little infant just as well as to the mature person? It is knowledge, learning, virtue, saintliness? Clearly not, though all these have their value in their proper place. When we eliminate from faith, as we commonly know it in ourselves as grown people, the incidental factors

and get down to the essential, what have we? It would seem that the key to this problem is to be found in the accusation which Stephen brought against the unbelieving Jews: "Ye do always resist the Holy Spirit." (Acts 7:51). The same basic factor is present in these words: "Today, if ye will hear His voice harden not your hearts," (Heb. 3:7). Unbelief, in the scriptural sense, is wilful resistance to God. The basic factor in faith is non-resistance, not wilfully resisting the grace of God, letting God have His Holy Spirit from completing His having work through the Word and way. Wilful resistance prevents the through Baptism. The work of prevenient grace is to break down the sinner's natural resistance without destroying him as a personal being, consequently not by violence but by the persuasions of grace through the regenerating means of Grace, Baptism and the Word.

This should make clear to us why grown people must become as little children if they are to enter the kingdom of heaven. Wilful resistance to grace is characteristic of grown people who are out of fellowship with God, not of little infants. When the grace of God comes to the little infant, it finds there a natural resistance, it is true, but not a wilful resistance. The Holy Spirit overcomes natural resistance, the resistance that has its source in corrupt human nature, and therewith opens the door of the heart for saving grace, but the Spirit does not forcibly break down wilful resistance. This state of non-resistance, which is effected by the Holy Spirit through the Means of Grace, is the first stage, the elemental factor, in saving faith, and the Holy Spirit can bring it into being with less difficulty in the little infant than in the grown person whose mind and heart are filled with so many perverse and contrary factors. We do well therefore just in this connection to ponder carefully the statement of Christ: "Except ye become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

This being the teaching of Scripture, why should anyone who accepts the Bible as authoritative have serious difficulty with infant Baptism? Why should anyone who in some measure understands, and without mental reservation accepts, the scriptural doctrines of man's total depravity in sin, and salvation by the grace of God alone, for the two are of course inseparable, have any difficulty with infant Baptism? It seems clear, therefore, that when infant Baptism becomes a controversial subject, it is generally because the doctrine of salvation by grace alone is not understood, or is not unreservedly accepted. Consequently, in dealing with people who have difficulty with this subject, we as a rule do well to centre our attention primarily upon the scriptural teachings of salvation by grace alone. If that is properly cleared up, the other will therein find its solution.



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cers. Missionary leadership makes a missionary church. A missionary church will have a missionary policy and program which will challenge every man, woman and child all the year around. A missionary church is not content until it takes its full share of the evangelization of the world.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:25. (Revised Standard Version).

Convention time is drawing nearer, day by day. It is important that Leaguers plan now to attend our District Convention. The Circuit presidents are working hard to find those who are going and will agree to take a topic during discussion periods. If you yourself, cannot go, co-operate with your Circuit president, "encouraging one another." Urge or help someone else to take a topic and go to P.A.

Undoubtedly the motor car will be the mode of transportation to the Convention. Organize carloads in your area. The local and circuit presidents are to be there July 24th so as to attend the Leadership Training School at Christopher Lake. In other words, they should travel in the first group. Those travelling to the convention only would be able to leave with the second "convoy" so as to be at Prince Albert July 27th to register.

Local Leagues — now is the time to appoint your delegates to the District Convention. (One delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof). Do something definite to help them.

Remember the oratorical contest at our Convention in Prince Albert. I know of a circuit having an oratorical contest at their circuit convention in June, in order to have a circuit representative at the District convention.

The local committee at Prince Albert has begun arrangements for registration and housing. Watch The Shepherd. Possibly your parish bulletin would carry some information about registration also.

—Norman Foster.

PRAY, LUTHER LEAGUERS!

"Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24b.

Sometimes prayer seems to be a burden, but if we could realize what Jesus said in the above verse we should surely see that prayer is a means of receiving the fulness of joy. Prayer in the name of Jesus brings results. "Ask, and ye shall receive." In the first part of the verse Jesus said, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name." The blessings that bring joy are ours only for the asking. What more would you want?

My purpose in writing is to apply this Scripture portion to need of pray-

er for our Luther League Convention in Prince Albert July 27-30. What shall we ask for? Let us ask for much. Let us ask God to first of all send many young people there. Let us ask that Christ may be revealed to each heart as the Crucified and Risen Savior. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to make the message personal and real. Let us ask God to make the fellowship of Christians a living power. You can think of many more things to ask for, in harmony with the name of Jesus.

Why should we ask? That our joy might be full. There is no joy greater than to see and experience answered prayer. What could bring greater happiness to a pastor, or a Luther League president, or a parent than to see some young person fully yielded to this Christ who was crucified? Even the angels will rejoice.

May it never be said that our convention in Prince Albert was a failure because we did not ask. Yet let us also remember that only God can give the blessings. We can only receive. We can have the joy that knows no measure. Pray for P.A. in your private devotions, in your Luther League meetings, in your mid-week prayer meetings, and any other occasion where it is possible.

PRAY for P.A.

—Pastor Gordon Hope,  
Prayer Crusade Chairman.

The members of the housing committee in Prince Albert are glad to have this opportunity of inviting you to come to the District Luther League Convention this summer. We are planning for the largest convention our District has had. Do your part by praying that many young people will be able to come. We know that each one will experience rich spiritual blessing.

—Isabelle Kaldor.

TOUR TO WASKESIU

The Prince Albert Circuit Luther League are planning on sponsoring a tour to Waskesiu on Monday, July 31st, following the Luther League convention. It is hoped that many of our Leaguers will make use of this opportunity to see the Parkland of Saskatchewan. The tour will start from Prince Albert Monday morning and return the same evening. The Prince Albert Board of Trade has promised to supply transportation for those who come to the convention by train or bus, those who have their own cars are invited to join the group. Full details have not been worked out

as yet, but a day of enjoyment and fellowship is promised to all. There will likely be a nominal fee to cover cost of dinner and lunch at the park. Plan on an extra day and take in the tour to Prince Albert National Park.

Y.P.L.L. LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

It is time for us to begin planning to attend the Young People's Luther League Leadership Training School. The time and place again are: Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, (at the Prince Albert Circuit Bible Camp site), beginning the evening of July 24, and continuing until noon, July 27. This school immediately precedes the Y.P.L.L. District Convention, therefore you can attend both at very little extra transportation cost. Christopher Lake is less than 30 miles north of Prince Albert. The Leadership School closes at noon on the 27th, and the opening session of the convention is in the evening of the 27th. These arrangements have been made in order to make it possible for more of our leaguers to attend.

Perhaps many of you are not aware of the program at the Leadership School. Please note it is a school and primarily promoted for study. There will be three class periods: "Looking into the Word," Bible Study by Dr. W. Quanback, "Listen to Christ's call," Evangelism study by Dr. O. K. Storaasli, and "Learn to Lead," leadership study by our Luther League Evangelist, Rev. E. Nelson. Rev. Nelson will also be in charge of the inspirational services in the evenings. The entire group attending the school will be divided into a model Luther League to learn by doing by presenting programs during the week.

From this brief review of the program, you can readily see how profitable and inspirational such a leadership school can be. We want to urge our Luther Leaguers to attend. This school is not for only the speakers and leaders of our District Convention, but for the local and circuit officers, and for all others who would like to attend. Why not encourage several from your league to go? Perhaps you could make up a carload and drive up.

It will be necessary for you to bring bedding, towels, and other personal articles such as you would take to Bible Camp. Of course a Bible and notebook are necessary. The District treasury has voted to pay the expenses of board and room, therefore your only cost will be transportation, plus \$3.00 registration fee. This registration fee includes a copy of the new "Luther Leaguide," a very valuable book for any Luther Leaguer. Local Leagues and congregations are urged to help pay the costs of their representatives.

In order that we may have some idea of how many to plan for, we would ask you to write to the undersigned at 212 Wiggins Avenue, Saskatoon, stating your intention to attend this Leadership School. We would appreciate hearing from you soon.

—Clara A. Haugen.

ATTENTION, LEAGUERS

Come north for a pleasant vacation at Waskesiu Lake, Prince Albert National Park. Located in this park will be found ample recreational facilities, such as tennis, golf, bathing, canoeing, fishing and swimming.

Scenic motor drives may be had along the lake shore. Excellent facilities are available for sight-seeing trips by boat and canoe. Almost all provision has been made for any form of recreation desired, and this under experienced direction. For instance, along the long sandy swimming beach there is the finest opportunity for swimming, and free swimming lessons are given. Life guards are on duty throughout the season. Fishing is also excellent and offers catches of northern pike, pickerel, wall eyes and black bass.

Scenic lodge facilities will be found in the new Hillcrest House overlooking the lake. This is fully modern. It has a large lounge with rustic fireplace.

In the novelty store is offered fine articles made by the blind, and patients at the sanatoriums.

The park is reached over the main provincial highway system. The main approach is from the city of Prince Albert but entrance is also possible by provincial road from Shellbrook, connecting with the Rabbit Meridian Road at the southwest corner of the park.

I'll be seeing you at the convention, and also at Waskesiu. Don't forget to pray, and plan to attend. June 25, 26 and 27.

—K. LeDrew.

1950 BIBLE CAMP DATES

		For Full Information Write
Circuit Camp	1950 Dates	
Peace River.	July 5-12, Jr. July 12-19, Sr.	Pastor Osborn Olson, Dawson Creek, B.C.
Camrose and Edmonton	July 10-16 (Family Retreat) July 16-24, Sr. L.L.	Pastor I. J. Saugen, Viking, Alberta
Southern Alberta	July 3-10	Pastor O. H. Haugen, Claresholm, Alberta.
Swift Current	July 8-16	Pastor J. F. Haugen, Cabri, Sask.
Moose Jaw	July 13-20	Pastor Gordon Hope, Estevan, Sask.
Elbow	July 8-16	Mr. Tom Joel, Elbow, Sask.
Prince Albert	July 12-19	Mr. Selmer Gjesdal, Brancepath, Sask.
Yorkton	July 5-12	Pastor S. Bue, Naicam, Sask.
C.L.B.I. (Sylvan Lake)	July 31-August 6	Pastor A. M. Vinge, Camrose, Alberta.
S.L.B.I (Outlook Bible Camp Week)	July 31-August 6	Pastor G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

District Y.P.L.L. Convention Dates: July 26-30 1950

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

"Behold Christ Crucified"  
Canada District Luther League  
July 27-30  
Miss Isabelle Kaldor,  
419, 11 St., East,  
Prince Albert, Sask.

Name .....

Address .....

Date of Arrival ..... Date of Departure .....

Means of Transportation: Car ..... Bus ..... Train .....

Accommodation

Desired: Without Bath: With Bath:  
Hotel: Single \$2.50 \$3.75-\$4.00  
Double \$3.50 \$4.75-\$5.00

Private Homes, \$1.00

Dormitory, \$1.00 (Bedding May be Required)

If you desire to reserve a cabin, write to the Prince Albert Auto Camp.

Have you made your own arrangements re accommodation? .....

If so, state where .....

Do you plan on taking in the Waskesiu tour Monday, July 31? .....